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PARIS FOR DEA, JOHN WARNER

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, TU, OTRA (FALCO, M.)  
SUBJ: VISIT OF SENIOR ADVISOR FALCO

REF: STATE 097345 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CALL AT MFA APRIL 25, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY FILIZ DINC MEN, COUNSELOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS IN MFA, THAT TIMING OF MS. FALCO'S VISIT TO TURKEY HAS CREATED SOME DIFFICULTY. MS. DINC MEN SAID GOT IS PLEASED MS. FALCO WISHES TO OBSERVE TURKISH CONTROL PROGRAM. SHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AT THE INITIATIVE OF MFA, THE GOT HAS UNDERTAKEN AN AS YET UNFINISHED REVIEW OF ALL NARCOTICS-RELATED PROGRAMS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO PRIMIN ECEVIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MS. DINC MEN OFFERED HER PERSONAL OPINION THAT ECEVIT WILL HAVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND MAKE A DECISION WITHIN TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

2. MS. DINC MEN SAID SHE DISCUSSED THE VISIT OF MS. FALCO WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HER SECTION, SELCUK KORKUD, WHO TOOK  
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THE QUESTION OF THE VISIT TO HIGHER LEVELS IN THE MINISTRY. THESE UNIDENTIFIED HIGH LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS ASKED THAT VISIT BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER PRIMIN ECEVIT HAS MADE HIS DECISION. MS. DINC MEN STRONGLY AFFIRMED THAT GOT WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE MS. FALCO AT A LATER TIME. SHE ADDED THAT GOT APPRECIATES THE COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN RECENT YEARS AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY USG.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF ATTEMPTED TO DRAW OUT DETAILS OF PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO PRIMIN ECEVIT AS WELL AS REASONS TIMING OF UPCOMING VISIT IS INCONVENIENT. WHILE NO SPECIFIC ANSWERS WERE GIVEN, WE BELIEVE GOT MAY HAVE TWO CURRENT CONCERNS. VISIT OF MS. FALCO WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GAIN SOME PRESS ATTENTION AND MAKE NARCOTICS ONE MORE PUBLIC ISSUE FOR GOT WHICH ALREADY FACES MAJOR INTERNAL PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, VISIT IN ADVANCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF MODIFIED PROGRAM COULD LEAD TO PRESS SPECULATION THAT AMERICANS DICTATED REVISIONS TO GOT.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS MS. FALCO DELAY VISIT UNTIL AFTER NARCOTICS PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED. WE BELIEVE THAT VISIT IN JULY OR EARLY AUGUST (WHEN HARVESTING WILL BE IN PROGRESS) WILL BE AS USEFUL AS VISIT NOW (WHEN POPPY PLANTS ARE EMERGING LATE BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY COOL, WET SPRING WEATHER). SPIERS

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